

N O T I C E

TO: SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA) GRANT APPLICANTS AND AWARD RECIPIENTS.

Prior to March 31, 1995, the Social Security Administration (SSA) was a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994, Public Law No. 103-296, enacted August 15, 1994, established SSA as an independent establishment in the Executive Branch, effective March 31, 1995. Until SSA publishes grant regulations, it will continue to apply DHHS grant regulations (i.e., 45 C.F.R. Parts 74, 92, etc.) pursuant to section 106(b) of Public Law No. 103-296.

In view of SSA's status as an independent establishment, we request that you note the following.

1. In the SSA FEDERAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FORM SSA-96-BK (SSA's grant application form), PART IV ASSURANCES, All references to "Department of Health and Human Services" mean the "Social Security Administration." Also, for the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act (page IV.B.), in lieu of referring to the DHHS regulations at 45 CFR Part 5b.2 and 45 CFR Part 5, please refer to the SSA regulations at 20 CFR Part 401.10 and 20 CFR Part 402, respectively.

2. On March 9, 1995, a deviation was granted by DHHS that exempted SSA from the provisions of 45 C.F.R. Part 74, Subpart F. This deviation was in effect at the time SSA became an independent establishment. Thus, the provisions of Subpart F that provide that the DHHS Departmental Appeals Board will hear appeals of final agency decisions adverse to grant recipients are not applicable to grants awarded by SSA. In the event of a dispute over a matter related to a grant, SSA will issue a final decision. There is no right of administrative appeal of a final decision adverse to the grant recipient.

3. **PAYMENT PROCEDURES** - Payment for all grants awarded by SSA are paid through the SSA Office of Finance. Inquiries regarding payments should be directed to:

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